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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/552,465  
Applicants: Takao HARADA, et al.  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING IMPROVED COAL FOR USE IN  
METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING REDUCED  
METAL AND SLAG CONTAINING OXIDIZED NONFERROUS  
METAL  
Group Art Unit: 1793  
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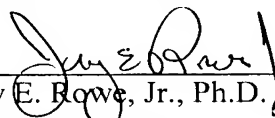
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